

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): An apparatus comprising:

a determining unit configured to determine if a condition relative to a predetermined time period is met; and

a communication unit configured to automatically transmit to a server a request for obtaining a number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period when the condition relative to the predetermined time period is met, and to receive the number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period from said server as a response to the request; and

a display configured to display a ranking of the contents such that the number of times contents will be broadcasted during the future time period is displayed next to a title of each content, and a content with a highest number of times to be broadcasted is displayed at a top of the ranking.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising:

a display processing unit configured to process data to be displayed on the display unit, said display processing unit configured to display the number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period on the display unit in a predetermined order.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising:

a setting unit configured to set at least one of a broadcasting period, a title, and a broadcasting station as a search condition, said communication unit configured to transmit said search condition to said server, and the number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period is searched based on the search condition at the server and is received by said communication unit.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said predetermined time period can be changed by a user.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A system comprising:  
a storage unit configured to store broadcast contents information including the broadcasting time or date, and titles of the broadcast contents;  
a communication unit configured to receive from an external device a request for obtaining a number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period and a search condition including at least one of a broadcasting period, a title, and a broadcasting station, said communication unit configured to transmit to said external device the information representing the number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period as a response to the request; and

a controller configured to search said storage unit and to generate information representing said number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period based on said received search condition; and

a display configured to display a ranking of the contents such that the number of times contents will be broadcasted during the future time period is displayed next to a title of each content, and a content with a highest number of times to be broadcasted is displayed at a top of the ranking.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 15, wherein said communication unit receives said request from said external device at predetermined time intervals.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A method comprising:  
automatically transmitting request information to request broadcast contents information to a storage device configured to store broadcast contents information including the titles of the broadcast contents that will be broadcasted during a future time period by one or more broadcasting stations each time an amount of time equal to a predetermined time period elapses;  
receiving the broadcast contents information transmitted from said storage device corresponding to the request information; ~~and~~  
detecting a number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period included in the broadcast contents information received in said transmitting; and  
displaying a ranking of the contents such that the number of times contents will be broadcasted during the future time period is displayed next to a title of each content, and a content with a highest number of times to be broadcasted is displayed at a top of the ranking.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A method comprising:  
storing broadcast contents information including the broadcasting time and date and the titles of the broadcast contents that will be broadcasted during a future time period by one or more broadcasting stations in a storage medium;  
receiving search condition information to specify at least one of the title and the broadcasting station name of a broadcast program as a search condition from an external device;

searching said storage medium for broadcast contents information corresponding to said search condition based on said search condition information received in said receiving;

determining a number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period in the broadcast contents information that was obtained as the search result in said searching; and

transmitting information based on said number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period for said broadcast contents detected in said determining to said external device; and

displaying a ranking of the contents such that the number of times contents will be broadcasted during the future time period is displayed next to a title of each content, and a content with a highest number of times to be broadcasted is displayed at a top of the ranking.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A non-transitory computer readable medium including computer executable instructions, wherein the instructions, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method comprising:

automatically transmitting request information to request broadcast contents information to a storage device configured to store broadcast contents information including the titles of the broadcast contents that will be broadcasted during a future time period by one or more broadcasting stations each time an amount of time equal to a predetermined time period elapses;

receiving the broadcast contents information transmitted from said storage device corresponding to the request information; and

detecting a number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period included in the broadcast contents information received in said transmitting; and

displaying a ranking of the contents such that the number of times contents will be broadcasted during the future time period is displayed next to a title of each content, and a content with a highest number of times to be broadcasted is displayed at a top of the ranking.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A non-transitory computer readable medium including computer executable instructions, wherein the instructions, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method comprising:

storing broadcast contents information including the broadcasting time and date and the titles of the broadcast contents that will be broadcasted during a future time period by one or more broadcasting stations in a storage medium;

receiving search condition information to specify at least one of the title and the broadcasting station name of a broadcast program as a search condition from an external device;

searching said storage medium for broadcast contents information corresponding to said search condition based on said search condition information received in said receiving;

determining a number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period in the broadcast contents information that was obtained as the search result in said searching; and

transmitting information based on said number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period for said broadcast contents detected in said determining to said external device; and

displaying a ranking of the contents such that the number of times contents will be broadcasted during the future time period is displayed next to a title of each content, and a content with a highest number of times to be broadcasted is displayed at a top of the ranking.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): An apparatus comprising:

determining means for determining if a condition relative to a predetermined time period is met; and

communication means for automatically transmitting to a server a request for obtaining a number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period when the condition relative to the predetermined time period is met, and receiving the number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period from said server as a response to the request; and

display means for displaying a ranking of the contents such that the number of times contents will be broadcasted during the future time period is displayed next to a title of each content, and a content with a highest number of times to be broadcasted is displayed at a top of the ranking.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A system comprising:

storage means for storing broadcast contents information including the broadcasting time or date, and titles of the broadcast contents;

communication means for receiving from an external device a request for obtaining a number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period and a search condition including at least one of a broadcasting period, a title, and a broadcasting station, said communication means transmitting to said external device the information representing the number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period as a response to the request; and

control means for searching said storage and generating information representing said number of times contents will be broadcasted during a future time period based on said search condition; and

display means for displaying a ranking of the contents such that the number of times contents will be broadcasted during the future time period is displayed next to a title of each content, and a content with a highest number of times to be broadcasted is displayed at a top of the ranking.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said determining unit determines the condition is met each time an amount of time equal to the predetermined time period elapses.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 16, wherein said communication unit receives said request from said external device at one day time intervals.

Claim 25 (Canceled).